MILLIONAIRE IN BUMI HILLS HOTEL DEAL

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AERIAL (Millionaire's Paradise) L. Ron Hubbard, the man who is
the controversial Scientology movement, has moved into Rhodesia
has settled in a luxurious house in Salisbury and last week he put
through his first business deal in this country.

With two local business men, Mr. Aubrey Davies,
a garage owner, and Mr. John Plagis, a property owner,
he bought the Bumi Hills Hotel at Kaira, by private

A week earlier the highest bid for the hotel at an auction.

The bid price of £1,250, but the

liquidator of the company, Mr. Roy Woodnut,

decided whether to accept the

bid for the next 30 days.

Yesterday, Mr. Hubbard

said: "We have bought the

property, the hotel will

remain open. We are con-

sidering a number of improve-

ments and we are confident

that the CAA flights to the

country will be resumed soon.

The deal" we rushed

through in 36 hours and today

Mr. Hubbard, with Miss Sue

the new company's agent

will fly to Bumi Hills to

inspect the hotel. A manager

in Kaira, to Bumi Hills to

inspect the hotel. A manager

is being selected in Salisbury.

Mr. Hubbard's sister, Mrs. Mary, is

the new company's agent

will fly to Bumi Hills to

inspect the hotel. A manager

is being selected in Salisbury.

Mr. Hubbard was told by his
doctor to leave Britain in

January after his third attack

of pneumonia. He left his

slightly home and 55-acre

estate at East Grinstead in

Sussex--the previous owner

was the Maharajah of Jaipur

in Jaipur, where he has an office.

But on the way he decided
to pay his first visit to

Rhodesia. He took one look at

this country with the wide

open spaces and climate he

enjoyed in Kaira and stopped

right here.

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MR. HUBBARD

"I am really supposed to be

on vacation, but I have had

so many invitations to invest

in businesses here and this

country is so starved of

finance that I have become

interested. If money can be

pumped into the Rhodesian economy

it doesn't matter what happens

on the international scene.

This country will survive.

The real danger is an

internal slowdown and lack of

finance.

Mr. Hubbard said he was

opening a branch of the interna-
tional holding company he set up to control his invest-
ments. Hubbard Communications

Office to Salisbury.

Circulars

He has issued a circular telling his investment possi-
bilities in Rhodesia to a group of local industrialists and busi-
ness men. "I want to get

their reaction to my inten-
tions in case there are any

incorrect impressions before I

tell it officially," he said.

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Exporters, established in

Britain and the dollar rate,

this has never really been

discussed in Rhodesia.

I am with a group of

the members that offi-
cially the movement, but it is

very largely unofficial. Last

week, Mr. John Plagis, who

is called "scientology" in

Rhodesia, was greeted as hav-

ing returned from the United

States.